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## CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION UNIT RETURNS FROM IRAQ

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces the return of 40 soldiers from G Company, 126<sup>th</sup> Aviation of Windsor Locks who were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**The soldiers will arrive Friday, September 8, 2006 at approximately 2:30 p.m. at the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) in Windsor Locks.**

The unit was alerted and mobilized in June 2005 and departed Connecticut on June 17, 2005, to their mobilization station at Ft. Dix, NJ, for training and validation. On September 7, 2005, the unit departed Ft. Dix and arrived in Kuwait and processed further into Iraq.

The 126<sup>th</sup> Aviation is comprised of units from Puerto Rico, Maine and Connecticut.

Company G, 126<sup>th</sup> Aviation was formed in 2002. Its mission is to provide Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM) and logistical support to a UH-60 Blackhawk Battalion.

Company G, 126<sup>th</sup> Aviation is commanded by Maj. Tim Seery of Wethersfield.

This event is open to the media.

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